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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 107111)

DATE: 3/20/61

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Reurlet 3/10/61 identifying photographs of individuals who attended CSJMS rally 11/19 - 21/60.

Enclosed are a set of photographs identical with those identified by [REDACTED] b7d

NYO requested to number enclosed photographs and letter the individuals the same as NYO photographs are numbered and lettered.

NYO requested to return photographs to WFO.

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TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY AD
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-C; ISA, 1950	

SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE

Report of **[REDACTED]**,
at Albany.

[REDACTED], dated 9/22/60, b7c

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THE ALBANY DIVISION

AL 100-13260

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1-G-2, New York
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c
Date: 3/22/61

Office: Albany, New York

Field Office File #: 100-13260

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELLCharacter: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Informant advised LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, is the Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee, an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Informant advised that LILLIAN REINER and JANE ANDERSON considered key people in Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Meetings held at Syracuse, New York, to raise funds for the Sobell Committee.

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DETAILSPREFACE

[REDACTED] the Syracuse Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is still an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell b7d

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg

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"case---a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States---was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' (The 'Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications,' dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)"

In September, 1954, the name National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell appeared on the literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the new name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, is still the Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee. b7d

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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JAN? FELD was elected Educational Secretary of the Syracuse Women for Peace on June 25, 1952. b7d

Syracuse Women for Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Albany, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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March 22, 1961

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character Internal Security-C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated March 22, 1961, at Albany, N.Y. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAs participating in surveillances:

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will continue to follow the activities of the Washington Sobell Committee.

This report has been classified "~~Confidential~~" because data furnished by the following informants could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof:

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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c
Date: [REDACTED] b7c
Office: Washington, D.C.

File Number: 100-25474
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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Informants report that the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in New York City. It is not an active organization locally, undertaking activities when the New York Office requests it. There is no local headquarters. Leadership consists of ETHEL WEICHBROD and SARAH HAMMOND.

[REDACTED] National appeal for Sobell's release held at Shoreham Hotel 11/19-21/60. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Local goal was to have 100-150 people at the appeal. Informant reported less than 50 local people there. b7d

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Those individuals whose names are followed by an asterisk in this report will be identified in a special section at the end of this report.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

[REDACTED] advised on March 6, 1961, that the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell (CSJMS) in New York City. It is not an active organization locally. [REDACTED]

The local organization is not organized on a formal basis. It is organized on an informal basis when it is requested to do something by the New York Office. This is the extent of its activities. b7d

The CSJMS will be described in the appendix section of this report.

II. AIMS

[REDACTED] advised on March 6, 1961, that the aims of the WSC are the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison and when possible, to embarrass the United States Government. b7d

III. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] advised on March 6, 1961, that there is no headquarters for the WSC in the Washington, D.C., area. b7d

IV. LEADERSHIP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] advised on November 21, 1960, that ETHEL WEICHBROD* was one of the organizers of the CSJMS in Washington, D.C. The informant received the impression that ETHEL WEICHBROD* was one of the main people in charge of the CSJMS affair held at the Shoreham Hotel on November 19, 20, 21, 1960. [REDACTED] b2-7

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Information from WF T-6 was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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VI. ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED]

The informant did not know the location of the meeting.

On September 17, 1960, Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI observed eight people enter the residence of ETHEL and JOSEPH WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, between the hours of 7:24 p.m. and 8:23 p.m. Four of the eight were identified as DAVID HAMMOND*, SARAH HAMMOND*, Dr. IRVING WINIK* and HELEN WINIK*.

At 7:47 p.m., an unidentified couple parked a blue Rambler with 1960 District of Columbia License ER 460 and enter WEICHBROD's* home.

The District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Bureau Registration Book reflects that 1960 District of Columbia License ER 460 was registered to ABRAHAM BLOOM,* 3313 Harrell Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. BLOOM's* wife is ANNE BLOOM.*

At 7:36 p.m., SAs of the FBI observed an unidentified man and woman arrive in a gray Plymouth with 1960 Maryland License DJ 1399. They parked the car and entered WEICHBROD's* home.

[REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] that a 1960 Maryland License DJ 1399 was registered to DOROTHY TODD* 24 Bryn Mawr, Glen Echo, Maryland. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c

VII. LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CSJMS RALLY
NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21, 1960 AT THE SHOREHAM
HOTEL TO REQUEST COMMUTATION OF SOBELL'S
SENTENCE

On October 31, 1960, [REDACTED] advised that the West Ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street, N.W. had been reserved for the CSJMS for November 18, 19, 20, 1960. Arrangements were made by Mrs. SARAH HAMMOND*, 8802 Glenville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and confirmed by TED JACOBS*, Publicity Director of the CSJMS. b7d

[REDACTED] furnished a brochure dealing with the weekend of November 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1960, entitled, "A Convening of Americans United in the Request That MORTON SOBELL be Granted a Commutation of Sentence During the Traditional Christmas Amnesty Period." This brochure indicated that there would be a specially assembled national exhibit at the Shoreham Hotel from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20, 1960. On November 19, 1960, at 5:30 p.m., there was to be a reception at the Shoreham Hotel for visitors and honored guests. On the evening of November 19, 1960, there was to be a banquet. The chairman for which was to be GERHARD VAN ARKEL, Attorney, Washington, D.C. According to the brochure the invocation at the banquet was to be given by NELSON C. PIERCE, Palisades Community Church, Washington, D.C. BURNS CHALMERS of the American Friends Service Committee was listed as an honored speaker. b7d

The brochure indicated that on Sunday, November 20, 1960, at 2 p.m., there was to be a panel discussion and a group discussion on the SOBELL case. On the evening of November 21, 1960, there was to be a sundown prayer at the White House.

The brochure stated that arrangements for the weekend were being made by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL* and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL* Co-chairman CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York City.

[REDACTED] b1,

[REDACTED] b1,

[REDACTED] b1,

On November 21, 1960, [REDACTED] advised that at the CSJMS banquet on November 19, 1960, the invocation was given by Reverend NELSON C. PIERCE, Palisades Community Church, Washington, D.C. b7d

The program listed GERHARD VAN ARKEL, Attorney, Washington, D.C., as Chairman of the banquet. However, it was announced that he was unable to be present and had sent a telegram explaining that conflicting legal work prevented his attendance.

On October 30, 1960, [REDACTED] furnished a brochure which listed the following people from the Washington, D.C. area who as sponsors invited participation in a national appeal for freedom for MORTON SOBELL which was to be held in Washington, D.C., November 19-21, 1960: b7d

WFO 100-25474

Reverend WILLIAM E. BASOM
Alexandria, Virginia

Rabbi BALFOUR BRICKNER
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. A. POWELL DAVIES
Washington, D.C.

BENJAMIN GINSBURG
Arlington, Virginia

Reverend HENRY C. KOCH
Washington, D.C.

Dr. EDWARD D. KORN
Bethesda, Maryland

DAVID H. SCULL
Annandale, Virginia

GERHARD VAN ARKEL
Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]

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Page three of this bulletin after the heading
Washington Committee. The [REDACTED]
with:

[REDACTED] will be given to [REDACTED]
of the work for SOBELL supporters in Washington. A
skilled person has agreed to assist in the setting up
of a SOBELL exhibit at the Hotel Shoreham to dramatically
show the extent of the [REDACTED] support for the case.
[REDACTED] friends are also making every effort to get
maximum local attendance at the banquet and also to
assist with the job of providing private houses for persons
who request it and make hotel reservations for those who
wish the hotel accommodations.

[REDACTED]


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[REDACTED] advised on November 2, 1960, that the goal
was to have 100 to 150 people from the Washington, D.C.,
area at the banquet on November 19, 1960.

WF T-11 advised during November, 1960, that there
was an Executive meeting of the Jewish Mutual Aid Society
(JMAS) at 4402 Georgia Avenue, N.W., on November 2, 1960.
ETHEL WEICHBROD* appeared at the meeting to ask for support
for the SOBELL dinner.

After Mrs. WEICHBROD's* departure, there was a discussion of the extent of support the JMAS should give the SOBELL affair. One member was very outspoken and wholeheartedly supported the activities of the SOBELL affair to the extent of changing another meeting. It was recommended that the JMAS give \$25 to the SOBELL Committee. The member who recommended the wholehearted support was told that it would have been good if they all felt the same way he did about the SOBELL affair, but the truth of the matter was that the majority of them did not feel that way. One member said that the people who wished to attend the SOBELL banquet may do so, but he saw no reason to postpone any other activities because of it. Another member said that he had refused to go to the SOBELL banquet and was not ashamed to say so. This person seemed to resent that they had been invited to attend the affair to fill up the quota.

The JMAS will be described in the appendix section of this report.

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 reported that on November 19, 1960, the WSC was complimented at the SOBELL banquet on November 19, 1960, for their organizational work in setting up this SOBELL function in Washington, D.C. b2

On November 20, 1960, SAs of the FBI heard HELEN SOBELL* at the panel discussion on November 20, 1960, at the Shoreham Hotel, acknowledge that assistance on the exhibits was given by SAMUEL ABBOTT.*

[REDACTED], on November 20, 1960, reported that the following individuals from the Washington, D.C. area were in attendance at the SOBELL banquet at the Shoreham Hotel on November 19, 1960. Where the individuals name is followed by the word "reception" in parenthesis, that person was observed on November 19, 1960, by SAs of the FBI to be in attendance at the reception at the Shoreham Hotel immediately proceeding the banquet: [REDACTED]

~~SAMUEL A. ABBOTT*~~

ALFRED BERNSTEIN * (reception)

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* (reception)

ABRAHAM BLOOM* (reception)

ANNE BLOOM* (reception)

~~JOHN CHALMERST~~

~~JOHN CHANDLER~~

~~MARY CHANDLER~~

~~HURON FELDER~~

~~FLORENCE FORER~~

~~JOSEPH FORER*~~

CLARENCE GUREWITZ *(reception)

HELEN GUREWITZ* (reception)

DAVID HAMMOND* (reception)

SARAH HAMMOND * (reception)

~~ARLINE HAYS*~~

~~ALFRED BERNSTEIN*~~

~~JOHN KAPLAN*~~

~~NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*~~

~~LOUTH LICHTENSTEIN (NORMAN's wife)~~

~~ROBERT LICHTENSTEIN~~

~~LEON MALKIN*~~

~~MARTHA MALKIN*~~

~~GEORGE B. MURPHY*~~

~~RAYMOND MURPHY*~~

DAVID REIN* (reception)

SOPHIE RICH*(reception)

MEYER SAMOLS* (reception)

SELMA SAMOLS* (reception)

LOUIS SINGER* (reception)
DALE STEELE*
ALICE TRIGG (reception)
ETHEL WEICHBROD* (reception)
JOSEPH WEICHBROD*
OLIVUS WEISSER*
HELEN WINK*
IRVING WINK*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On November 21, 1960, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] White House Police advised SA [REDACTED] that a group of eleven persons from the CSJMS delivered a petition to Reverend FREDERIC FOX of the White House staff on November 21, 1960, asking for the release of MORTON SOBELL. Two of the group actually obtained an appointment to talk with Reverend FOX. Among the group were the following people from the Washington, D.C., area:

Rev. ERNEST MARTIN, who said he was a friend of Rev. FOX

BURNS CHALMERS, Quaker from Peace House, Washington, D.C.

According to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] neither Rev. MARTIN nor CHALMERS actually visited Rev. FOX. b7d

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED]

"The Washington Evening Star" December 19, 1960, page A 14, contained a letter to the editor signed AARON KATZ*. The letter and the editors note following it read as follows:

"For Freeing SOBELL

"It is a tribute to our free America and to our traditions of liberty and love of justice, that thousands of clergymen, legal scholars, statesmen and educators should join together to urge a new trial or Christmas amnesty for MORTON SOBELL. Some commentators noted that with the release of GREENGLASS after 10 years in prison, it didn't make sense to keep SOBELL in jail.

"The Star pointed out editorially that the sentences were different and the circumstances were different: That SOBELL, affirming his innocence, had been sentenced to 30 years while GREENGLASS, admitting his guilt and making amends by 'talking' received a 14 year sentence.

"This point was well taken: the cases are different. But what kind of moral or ethical standards permits the release of one who provided, so he testified, the secret of the A-bomb for the Russians, while prolonging the imprisonment of another who, it is agreed, had no connection

whatever with atomic espionage? A man who, the trial record will confirm, was never even accused of giving or receiving any classified information?

"Legal students unite in the belief that SOBELL's conviction and sentence, during the Korean War at the height of McCarthyism, were based on emotion and hysteria rather than reason or justice. Each of five major law reviews which noted study of the case has shown that SOBELL did not receive justice. No law review has held otherwise.

"MORTON SOBELL is a prisoner on our conscience. He is a symbol of our yearning for justice. America's conscience can never be free while SOBELL remains in prison."

"AARON KATZ"

"(Editor's Note: SOBELL's conviction for espionage conspiracy was upheld by appellate courts and the Supreme Court. Appellate courts have rejected his appeals seven times and the Supreme Court has refused to review his case seven times.)"

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b1

The exact significance of this list was not known to the informant.

IX. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

SAMMIE A. ABBOTT

[REDACTED] identified ABBOTT on [REDACTED] as one of the CP members who attended a CP meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, on [REDACTED] b7d

ALFRED AND SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] identified ALFRED and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as current CP members. b7d

ABRAHAM BLOOM

[REDACTED] that the informant had no knowledge that BLOOM was a member of the CP; however, the informant stated that BLOOM was an individual who supported the CP policies. b7d

ANNE BLOOM

[REDACTED] advised that b7d while the informant knew of no CP membership on the part of ANNE BLOOM, nevertheless this person spoke as a CP person.

JOSEPH CHANDLER

In May, 1958, WF T-5 advised that CHANDLER was a member of a communist youth organization in the Soviet Union in 1917 before he came to the United States.

[REDACTED]
b7d

On June 13, 1957, Chief Federal Judge ROSZEL O. THOMSEN, United States District Court in the State of Maryland revoked CHANDLER's United States citizenship papers because he concealed his activities in the CP. CHANDLER is presently under the supervision of the Immigration and Naturalization Service pending deportation.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b1
BURTON FELTER
WP T-13 on [REDACTED] identified
FELTER as a current CP member as of [REDACTED] b7d

JOSEPH FORER

FORER is one of the attorneys who recently represented the CP, USA, before the Subversive Activities Control Board, the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b1
MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b1

On February 9, 1959, WF T-5 advised that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN were supporting the CP financially.

CLARENCE D. and HELEN GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] identified
CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ and his wife HELEN as CP members
as of [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

ARLINE D. HAYS

On [REDACTED] furnished information
identifying ARLINE HAYS as a registered member of the
Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC). b7d

The PPDC will be described in the
appendix section of this report.

[REDACTED] described Mrs. HAYS
as a "very good" person, meaning according to the
informant, that she never, to the informant's knowledge,
has disagreed with CP policies and is generally sympathetic
to the CP movement. In May, 1953, [REDACTED] advised that
Mrs. HAYS was an individual who "thinks and talks as CP
members do." b7d

ALFRED HENLEY

In August, 1950, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified ALFRED HENLEY as a CP
member as of 1949. b7d

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TED JACOBS

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1956, that
WILLIAM WOLF was an "Old Party Hack" who was active in
the Youth movement in the CP. [REDACTED] b7d

JULIUS KAPLAN

On [REDACTED] identified
JULIUS KAPLAN as a current CP member. b7d

AARON KATZ

[REDACTED] that
AARON KATZ was a member of the CP [REDACTED] b7d

HUBERT LECKIE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LECKIE attended a Washington Area
Forum meeting [REDACTED] b7d

The WAF will be described in the
appendix section of this report.

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

[REDACTED] advised that there was a social affair run by the CP for the purpose of raising funds at 2037 Braddish Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on January 9, 1959. On January 22, 1959, the informant identified a photograph of LICHTENSTEIN as one of the people who had attended this affair. b7d

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7d
MARTHA MALKIN

[REDACTED] advised in 1953 that MARTHA MALKIN was a CP member. b7d

GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] identified MURPHY as a current CP member. b7d

RAYMOND PINKSON

[REDACTED] that RAY PINKSON was a member of the CP in Washington, D.C., during 1946-1948. Informant added that PINKSON was an old-time CP member.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7d

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SOPHIE RICH

[REDACTED] identified
RICH as a CP member as of 1949. b7d

MEYER SAMOLS

[REDACTED] identified
MEYER SAMOLS as a CP member as of January 20, 1958. b7d

SELMA SAMOLS

[REDACTED] identified
SELMA SAMOLS as a current CP member. b7d

LOUIS SINGER

The April 8, 1953 issue of the New York "Daily Mirror" reported that New York public school teacher LOUIS SINGER had been notified by the Superintendent of schools that he was suspended as of April 13, 1953, for insubordination and refusal to answer questions about his alleged CP membership.

HELEN SOBELL

[REDACTED]
that HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) was a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944. b7d

ROSE SOBELL

[REDACTED]
646 St. Anns Avenues, Bronx, New York, advised during [REDACTED] that the SOBELL family had resided at this address from about July, 1931 to December, 1940. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he added that although he believed ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member because of this, he could not confirm her as a member of the CP or CP front organization. b7d

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DALE STEELE

In [REDACTED] identified
DALE STEELE as a current CP member. b7d

DOROTHY TODD

[REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7d

HELEN WINIK

[REDACTED] identified
HELEN WINIK as a current CP member as of [REDACTED]

IRVING WINIK

[REDACTED] identified
WINIK as a current CP member as of [REDACTED] b7d

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

WFO 100 25A74

JEWISH MUTUAL AID SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on November 30, 1955, that the JMAS was composed almost entirely of former IWO members and that the organization was formed when the IWO became defunct to preserve fraternal and sick benefits and to maintain social ties. b7d

A source advised during the period November, 1959 - November, 1960, that the Jewish Mutual Aid Society of Washington, D. C., continues to exist and that regular membership meetings, as well as executive committee meetings, are held at 4402 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Jewish Culture Society (JCS).

Records of the Corporation Office, Washington, D. C. reflect that the JMAS was incorporated on June 30, 1954, for the purpose of rendering "aid to needy members--benevolent and charitable."

It is to be noted that the CP, IWO and JCS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Regarding the Progressive Party, additionally, the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. on page 74, states:

- "1. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. * * * The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91)".

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

100-85476

On January 15, 1948.

[REDACTED] advised that at a meeting of the City Committee of the CP of the District of Columbia on January 11, 1948, motions were passed to set up a Political Action Committee in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of coordinating all activity with regard to the "Third Party Movement." It was decided to set up "Wallace for President Clubs" in Washington, D. C. These groups subsequently became the PPDC. On December 17, 1951, [REDACTED] advised that the PPDC, during the years 1948 and 1949, was dominated and controlled by the CP of the District of Columbia. b7d

A source on February 25, 1952, November 14, 1952, November 27, 1953, and January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC, as of the above dates, as either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers. This source added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

It is noted that another source on February 8, 1956, reported that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

The Progressive Party, nationally, is characterized separately in the appendix.

WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,
Washington Area Citizens Forum,
Washington Citizens Forum

WFO 100-25472

A source reported on December 14, 1955, that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) would be dissolved and a new organization formed from the PPDC in order to have a voice in civil rights matters and political campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. A second source advised on December 17, 1955, that the PPDC was to be dissolved because of the stigma attached to the name of the Progressive Party and it was hoped that the new organization replacing the PPDC would be more acceptable to persons not previously participating in PPDC activity. The first source reported on February 8, 1956, that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

[REDACTED]

On June 11, 1956, the first source made available information revealing that the Washington Area Citizens Forum was at that time being called Washington Area Forum. b7d

The first source stated on May 17, 1960, that the Washington Area Forum remains in existence in Washington, D. C., and periodically holds meetings. This source stated he regards the Washington Area Forum as a communist front organization inasmuch as the speakers presented by this organization in recent months follow the Communist Party line. This source added that the officers of the Washington Area Forum, who are responsible for securing the speakers, have never secured as a speaker anyone who was critical of the Communist Party or the aims and objectives of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED]

b7d

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A fifth source on October 10, 1958 identified HELEN GUREWITZ on October 6, 1958, as a current Communist Party member.

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The PFDC is characterized separately in the appendix.

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Washington 25, D.C.

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference: Report of Special Agent
[REDACTED], dated
and captioned as above at
Washington, D.C. b7c

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL;
IS-C,
ISA OF 1950
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York letter 3/10/61, identifying photographs of individuals attending the CSJMS rally 11/19-21/60; and, WFO letter 3/20/61 requesting that the NYO furnish similar numbering and lettering on a set of photographs.

Enclosed are a set of nine photographs as numbered and lettered by [REDACTED] b7d

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		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA, 1950	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Seattle,
9/26/60. b7c

STATUS: - PENDING* -

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SE 100-22197

INFORMANTS

SOURCE

SE T-1 is [REDACTED] b7d

LOCATION

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SE T-2 is [REDACTED] b7d

SE T-3 is [REDACTED]

SE T-4 is [REDACTED]

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SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

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[REDACTED] b7d

The Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] b7d

This same source advised that this Committee's purpose since its inception has been to raise funds and obtain public support for the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.

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APPENDIX

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

"The Lamp", official organ of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), in its August, 1949, issue reported that the Northwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NWCPFB) was established at Seattle, Washington in July, 1949, as a part of the ACPFB. The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mrs. BARBARA HARTLE, admitted member and officer of the Communist Party in Washington State during the period 1934 to 1954, testified on December 13, 1956, that the NWCPFB in 1954 changed its name and became the Washington Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (WCPFB); that the NWCPFB, the WCPFB and the ACPFB were parts of the same organization; that the WCPFB was controlled lock, stock and barrel by the Communist conspiracy; and that WCPFB officers MARION KINNEY, Executive Secretary; CECELIA CORR, Treasurer; and CLARA A. PAULSON, Recording Secretary, were each known to her as a "Communist".

A mimeographed letter disseminated in November, 1956, with the return address of the WCPFB, stated that, "The Committee is an unaffiliated non-partisan body devoted to the preservation of democratic rights of all foreign born residents of the United States. Its program is to arouse widespread and unceasing public protest against the application of the hundreds of unfair and inhumane provisions of the Walter-McCarran law... We work to effect repeal of the law and to secure enactment of a humane democratic immigration code. We help provide legal defense and public support to any foreign born person requesting our assistance."

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Seattle, Washington

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c
dated and captioned as above
at Seattle, Washington.

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The information was supplied orally on 3/6/61, to SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] b7c, b1

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REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 10/13/60, Baltimore.

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I. MEMBERSHIP

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JULIA SAMUELS was known [REDACTED] to be a CP member as of that date. b7d

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as of that date. b7d

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that FANNIE BLANK was known [REDACTED] as a CP member as of that date. b7d

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III. DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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A committee to ~~assist~~ ~~assist~~ for MORTON SOBELL, was held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. According to the informant, the cost of the banquet was \$10.00 per plate and its purpose was to raise money to help secure the release of MORTON SOBELL. ~~According to the informant, JULIA SAMUELS, chairman of the local SOBELL Committee, was in attendance at the banquet.~~

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Title	COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED], dated April 11, 1961, at Baltimore, Maryland. <i>bx</i>

All sources used in referenced communication have
furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 4/13/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/7-10/61
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka, Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY bs
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, 10/11/61. *b7c*

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Copies of this report have been designated for G-2 at Milwaukee, G-2 at Chicago, ONI Chicago, and OSI Chicago, in view of the interests of those intelligence agencies in organizations subversive or potentially subversive to the interests of the United States.

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INFORMANTS

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Sources used to characterize the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell: [REDACTED] b7d

Consideration has been given to each source connected with the Sobell case and only in those instances where the reliability of the source must be considered.

THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Will follow and report within the next 6 months the activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee. If no activities have been reported during that period, this case will be closed.

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1 OSI, Chicago (RM)Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c
Date: April 13, 1961

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 100-11982

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: [REDACTED] b1

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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JOHN GILMAN addressed a recent meeting, which was called to form a new organization. He spoke at the end of the meeting. He said that the new group's main purpose would be to expose civilian democracy as a hoax. People were spending money, but that the money was going only for waste, he said.

GILMAN spoke of himself as chairman of the Sobell Committee and said that he had worked on the campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

(MI T-3, 1/27/61)

[REDACTED] b1

MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on October 16, 1953 that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois, and, as a result thereof, a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed. This source further advised that this Committee became inactive in the spring of 1955.

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August 15, 1957, a source advised that JOHN WILMAN, Chairman and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. The source also advised that STERGAN was Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 18, 1960, a source advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated committees of the National Committee to Secure Justice.

APPENDIX

Morton Sobell

The Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 13, 1961

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. b7c

The informants referred to in the above report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 - 107111)

DATE: July 27, 1961

FROM : SA, [REDACTED] 8004 41. b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR ETHEL ROSE SELL
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated **July 26, 1961**. The review for this report was made from serial 4320 through serial 4491.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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4437	4-14-61	SA to BA (Letter) Re: Subject	3	0		1
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4439	4-20-61	SA to SAC MEMO. Re: Subject	3	—		see N.Y. File 100-109849
4440	4-24-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype) Re: Subj	1	0		
4441	4-24-61	WFO to HQ (teletype) Re: Subj	1	0		
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4443	4-18-61	SA to SAC-NY (MEMO) Re: subj	3	3		
4444	5-2-61	S.F. to H.Q. Report Re: subj	18	—		BUFILE # 65-58236
4445	5-14-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype) Re: subj	1	1		
4446	5-2-61	L.A. to HQ (teletype) Re: subj	1	0		
4447	5-5-61	3pg MEMO N.Y. to File Re: subj	3	1		
4448	5-5-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype) Re: subj	1	1		

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File No: 100-107111.

Re: ROSENBERG / Sobell Committee

Date:

1-78
(month/year)

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4449	5-10-61	SIF to HQ (letter) RE: subj	1	1		
4450	5-10-61	MI to HQ (letter) RE subj	1	1		
4451	5-11-61	SA MEMO to SA (RE subj)	2	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
4452	5-12-61	BT to NY (letter) RE: subj	1	1		
4453	5-12-61	SA to SAC (MEMO) RE: subj	1	1		NY FILE #100-109849
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4457	5-16-61	SA to SAC (BA) RE: 3rd Party	2	①		
4458	5-16-61	SA to SAC (BA) RE 3rd Party	2	—		NY FILE #100-109849
4459	5-18-61	AT to HQ (letter)	5	#		
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4463	5-22-61	NY to HQ (Letter)	2	0		
4464	5-24-61	S. F. to HQ (Letter)	1	1		
4465	5-31-61	NY to N.Y. (Report)	2	4		
4466	5-29-61	SA to SAC BA LETTER	2	—		NY FILE # 100-109849
4467	6-9-61	3pg Letter to N.Y.	3	1		
4468	6-4-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype)	2	0		
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4470	6-13-61	SA Memo to SAC	2	1		SEE N.Y. FILE 100-109849
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4478	4-22-61	Enclosure to 4479	1	1		
4479	4-22-61	WFO to HQ (teletype)	2	2		
4480	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4481	6-26-61	CE to HQ (teletype)	3	3		
4482	—	DESTROYED	—	—		
4483	6-12-61	2 ps enclosure N.Y. to HQ	2	—		NY FILE # 100-109849
4484	7-12-61	N.Y. to HQ (teletype)	1	—		See N.Y. File 100-109849

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4487	6-28-61	NY to LA. (Letter)	9	0		
4488	7-7-61	A Letter to BA	2	0		
4489	7-11-61	SA MEMO to SAC (BA)	4	0		
4490	7-11-61	SA MEMO to SAC	3	—		NY FILE #100-109849
4491	7-13-61	CE to HQ (teletype)	1	1		
4492	7-28-61	LA to #9. (Report)	27	24		
4493	7-26-61	NY to N.Y. (Report)	31	24		
4494	7-31-61	SD to NY. (Report)	9	9		
4495	8-2-61	PH to N.Y.	1	1		
4496	8-3-61	3pg enclosure to 4492	3	3		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 4/17/61

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (41) *B7C*

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

The information on the attached FD 302 was furnished on a confidential basis and is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. The source is in a position to furnish reliable information.

The information on the FD 302 was made available by [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Company, 221 Park Avenue South, NYC. *B7D*

The original longhand of the FD 302 is maintained as an attachment to this memorandum in captioned case file, serial .

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Date March 30, 1961

A review of the bank account [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reflected the following check

drawn from the account:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The above check was signed by [REDACTED]

B-7D

The person to be interviewed is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Mfg. Trust Co., 212 Park Ave
New York, N.Y.

B7C

On 3/30/61 at New York File # 100-117111
 by [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/30/61

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 4/13/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION
IS - C

The deadline for this project is May 17, 1961.

Pursuant to instructions set forth in Part II, Section 4, pages 21-23, of the Manual of Rules and Regulation, the NYO must submit annually by June 1st certain information concerning the characterization of organizations.

The above-captioned organization is among those organizations on which a characterization has previously been submitted and should be brought up to date, or one on which a characterization should be submitted.

SA [REDACTED] is assigned to review the existing thumbnail sketch on captioned organization to determine if the sketch is current, or to review the case file and prepare an original sketch where none exists. b7c

All sketches should be rewritten to reflect current status of the organization and should be clear and concise. They should reflect date organization formed; its aims and purposes; subversive initiation, domination, or control; and current status. Information in the sketch should be attributed to "a source" and no "T" symbols nor evaluation of the sources should be reflected in the sketch. The identity and evaluation of the sources used should be reflected at the end of the sketch, with sufficient spacing to indicate it is not part of the sketch. * This should be followed with the statement, "Careful consideration has been given and sources concealed only where absolutely necessary."

* LIST THE SOURCES USED AT
THE END OF THE SKETCH
UNDER THE HEADING
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NY

Characterizations of organizations will fall in one of the following categories:

- (A) Organizations which have become defunct since June 1, 1960.
- (B) Newly formed organizations which are pending and concerning which insufficient information exists as yet to prepare a thumbnail sketch.
- (C) All active organizations on which sketches are being submitted for approval.

If the case you are reviewing for this project falls in either of the first two categories, merely submit a memorandum for file, with a copy for the thumbnail sketch file (100-90311), reflecting Bureau file and date sketch submitted to Bureau reflecting organization is defunct. If the organization is newly formed, submit a memorandum reflecting Bureau file and a statement reflecting information set out in category "B." This memorandum should be forwarded to SA [REDACTED] Section 41. b7c

If the organization falls within item "C", then prepare an up-to-date sketch, except in those cases where a current sketch has been submitted since April 1, 1961. In the latter case, merely submit a memorandum as above, reflecting date sketch submitted and Bureau file number.

Letters submitting sketches to the Bureau should be undated and prepared as follows:

Caption	Name of Organization
	Subversive Organization
	Characterization
	Character of Case

NY

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The copies to the Bureau will consist of the original and one copy. The copy should consist of only the first page of the letter. If approved, the Bureau will stamp "Approved" on the single-page copy and return it to the NYO.

At the time that you have the letter prepared, also have a 5 x 8 card typed reflecting the name of the organization at the upper left, Agent's name at top center, and the NY file number at upper right. Then have the sketch, identity and evaluation of sources, and statement about "Careful consideration" typed on the remainder of the card. Have your supervisor initial the card at lower left corner at the same time he initials the letter for transmittal to the Bureau. The letter, with card attached, should be forwarded to SA [REDACTED] Section 41, and they will all be transmitted to the Bureau by means of a **07c** cover letter.

Remember NOT TO DATE the letters to the Bureau and submit all memoranda or letters by MAY 17, 1961.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

5/4/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
(CSJMS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re NYlet 3/1/61, and Bu O-1 dated 5/1/61.

ReNYlet set forth information re effectiveness of a photographic surveillance conducted 11/19/60 by the NYO on the National Headquarters of captioned organization.

The album containing the photographs secured on 11/19/60 during the photographic surveillance was exhibited to fourteen informants of the NYO active in CP or other Communist front groups in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens sections of the CP, and who, by their activity and knowledge of CP personages in their area, could be expected to add to the number of persons already identified. The canvassing of informants resulted in thirteen informants being unable to identify any individual as being known to them, and one informant identifying positively one person previously identified, and three persons as being possibly identical with persons known to the informant.

It is not felt that this canvassing of informants has materially changed the prior opinion of this investigative technique in this instance since it has resulted in one positive identification, which was previously known, and three possible identifications.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
May 5, 1961

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HUNTON S. BELL
IS-C
ISA, 1950

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One copy each of the airtel and letterhead memorandum are being furnished for information purposes to the Butte, Los Angeles and Washington Field Office since the letterhead memorandum contains information of value to these offices. It is to be noted that the information obtained in the letterhead memorandum will be included in the written report of the informant, and this report will be disseminated to the interested offices when received.

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- 1 - Butte (Encl. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-41543)(Encl. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-2474)(Encl. 1)(Info)(RM)
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SAC, San Francisco (100-35117)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 5-2-61 at **B7C**
San Francisco.

It is noted that San Francisco furnished the Bureau five copies of rerep designating one copy for Bufile 65-58236 which is the Bufile of Julius Rosenberg. It is unnecessary to furnish an extra copy of reports of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell for the Rosenberg file and you should discontinue this practice in the future. Your attention is also called to the instructions contained in the FBI Handbook, Part 1, page 94, which require five copies of organizational-type reports be furnished to the Bureau. You should follow these instructions in the future.

Cover page A indicates that the report has been classified "Confidential." Copies of the report received at the Bureau were not classified and you should correct your copies accordingly.

The FD-204 indicates one copy of this report was furnished to G-2, 6th Army, San Francisco; whereas cover page B indicates two copies of the report were furnished to G-2. Advise the Bureau, New York and Los Angeles the number of copies disseminated to G-2.

Form errors should be scored against responsible personnel where appropriate.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-11982)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA - 50

Re report of SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, dated **B7C**
4/13/61.

Please add the following paragraph to the bottom of the
FD-263 under the caption "Administrative" of referenced
report:

 Careful consideration was given to each source
 concealed and "T" symbols were utilized only
 where identities must be concealed.

The appropriate corrections have been made on the Milwaukee
copies of the report.

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2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
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1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 5/12/61

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (100-7967)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA, 1950

Reurairtel to Bureau, 5/5/61, enclosing letterhead memorandum.

If receiving Offices obtain a copy of the letter written by Senator LEE METCALF of Montana, referred to in the last paragraph of the above letterhead memorandum, it is requested a copy be furnished to Butte.

- 2 - New York (Reg.)
 - 1 - Washington Field (100-25474)(Reg.)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: May 18, 1961

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-4953)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

OO: NEW YORK

Re Bureau letter, April 27, 1961, and Atlanta letter,
February 9, 1961.

As previously reported, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed regarding a meeting he attended during the Summer of 1960 in Atlanta [REDACTED] where the MORTON SOBELL case was discussed. [REDACTED] advised on this occasion that a person believed to be the local attorney representing MORTON SOBELL gave the legal background and ramifications of the SOBELL conviction. Subsequent investigation reflected that the local attorney of SOBELL was one PAUL MAXWELL, who was killed January 28, 1961, in an airplane crash. HELEN SOBELL reportedly also spoke and made a personal appeal in behalf of her husband. According to [REDACTED] this appeal was not followed up by solicitations of signatures or funds in behalf of any movement for MORTON SOBELL. He also advised he did not know who had sponsored the meeting at [REDACTED]

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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- 9 - Atlanta (100-4953)

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On January 4, 1961, [REDACTED] furnished information regarding SIDNEY GUREWITZ, the daughter of HELEN SOBELL by a previous marriage. According to the informant, SIDNEY GUREWITZ and HELEN SOBELL visited MORTON SOBELL over New Year's Day, 1961, and had stayed "four days at the home of Professor MURRAY BRADLEY, a professor at a Negro college."

AT 100-4953

This "Mr. BRADLEY" is undoubtedly Professor MURRAY BRANCH, Professor of Religion, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, a Negro college, who has previously been identified by New York and other Offices as speaking in behalf of the MORTON SOBELL committee.

It should further be noted that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a pro-integration organization having headquarters in Atlanta, was identified as a sponsor at a Washington appeal for Christmas amnesty for MORTON SOBELL.

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[REDACTED]
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Reference is made to Bureau letter, February 9, 1960, captioned as above, which instructed the Atlanta Office to review its files for any indication that an active committee affiliated with the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was in existence in the Atlanta area.

By letter dated February 19, 1960, Atlanta Office set forth its recommendations in this regard pointing out there was insufficient evidence of a committee functioning to warrant investigation pursuant to Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

AT 100-4953

Considering all information furnished by [REDACTED] and other sources in this area, it is still not apparent there is actually a committee operating and functioning in the Atlanta area. It is noted that HELEN SOBELL continues to visit her husband at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, and on the occasions of these visits has established contacts and associates, however, there is no indication to date they are operating as an adjutant of the national committee as indicated by the failure of this group to follow up in solicitations and appeals to some of the people that HELEN SOBELL has contacted such as [REDACTED]. It is believed that the majority of the persons with whom HELEN SOBELL has had contact [REDACTED] are those persons who apparently are friends and social acquaintances of those individuals with whom HELEN SOBELL has spent several days on the occasions of visits to her husband. b2d

Atlanta Office at this time recommends no additional active investigation of this group in the Atlanta area, however, will continue to follow closely information received from other sources and New York informants, and in the event it is apparent the committee is functioning in this area, consideration will then be given to active investigation of this group.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

May 26 1961

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION
IS - C; ISA of 1955

There is set out below a revised thumbnail sketch on captioned organization.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Rebulet dated 5/10/61.

Two copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/2/61, at San Francisco, have been furnished to G-2, 6th Army, San Francisco, the Bureau, New York and Los Angeles copies of the FD 204 should be corrected accordingly. **87c**

G-2, 6th Army, San Francisco, has advised that they have stamped their copies of the report "Confidential", and San Francisco has done the same.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, 4/13/61. **B7C**

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report have been designated for G-2 at Milwaukee, G-2 at Chicago, ONI, Chicago, and OSI, Chicago, in view of the interests of those intelligence agencies in organizations subversive or potentially subversive to the interests of the United States.

This report has been marked confidential since data reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and compromise **b7d**

<p>APPROVED _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM) (Enc. 2) 2 - New York (100-107111) (RM) 1 - G-2, Milwaukee (RM) 1 - G-2, Chicago (RM) 1 - ONI, Chicago (RM) 1 - OSI, Chicago (RM) 1 - Milwaukee (100-11982) 	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">100-107111-4465</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUN 1 1961</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Signature]</p> </div> <p>Notations</p>																														
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his future effectiveness.

Two copies of a revised thumbnail sketch of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee are enclosed herewith.

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INFORMANT

Identity

Location

MI T-1 is [REDACTED]
contacted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This report.

Other informants who were negatively contacted during May, 1961:
[REDACTED] contacted by S [REDACTED] 5/25/61; [REDACTED] con-
tacted by SA [REDACTED] 5/22/61.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - G-2, Chicago 1 - ONI, Chicago
1 - G-2, Milwaukee 1 - OSI, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: May 31, 1961 *bx*

Field Office File #: MI 100-11982

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: MI T-1 reported the Milwaukee Sobell Committee could be considered inactive inasmuch as no regular meetings held since about March, 1960. Other informants negative.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On May 25, 1961, MI T-1 advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell could be considered as inactive at the present time. It had not held regular business meetings since approximately March, 1960.

Other confidential informants who have had some acquaintance in the past with the members and activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee were contacted about the Committee during May, 1961. They advised that they knew of no Sobell Committee activities in Milwaukee for at least the preceding year.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 31, 1961

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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New York, New York
June 9, 1961

Bufile 100-387835

Re: Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached.

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To: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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"On Sunday May 7, 1961 at 2P.M. I attended a Concert at the Jordan Hall N.E. Conservatory. This was a meeting & concert sponsored by the United Shevchenko (Chev-en-ko) Committee of Boston. This was to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the death of Tarus Shevchenko - poet painter - (composer?) and great revolutionary democrat of his time. Supposedly he dedicated his life and genius to the liberation of the Serfs against the Czarist Region in Russia and particularly to the peasants of the Ukraine.

"The program was opened by the Chorus of about 50 voices: The Ukrainian Leontovich Chorus, Womens Choral Ensemble & Newark N.J. 'Dnepro' Chorus. They were supposedly directed by F. O. Olchuk --however my impression was that the director was a substitute. The chorus sang one number -- which sounded like a medley and then left the stage.

"A couple of men were taken from the audience and brought to the platform and introduced as the permanent Ukraine delegates to the United Nations. Also a woman with them was removed to a seat in the first row left. I had expected to see her on the platform but the little man who got them to move to the platform sat with her until they finally all left (i.e. the delegates) the platform and returned to their original seats, [REDACTED]

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"There was a speaker first who gave a little history of Shevchenko. The program was to express also the great unity & friendship between the Ukrainian people & the U.S.S.R.

"During this time the two delegates sat on the platform -- The young one to the left of the older one -- quite erect and somewhat military -- never a muscle or foot or hand moved. You might say he put on his expression and then just wore it.

BS 105-6829

"The older delegate appeared somewhat uneasy. Occassionaly a look of complete resignation would cross his face and he would turn his whole head toward the ceiling. He continuously shifted his weight and his hands were forever distracting me with their restlessness. I wondered at a man who held his position being so unable to sit before an audience of about 300 people. Certainly he was not that lacking in poise. The young delegate very seldom averted his glance from him and then only to look at the woman in the first row. Suddenly I was hit with the impression that this older delegate was completely hemmed in by those who sat around him.

"The older delegate was introduced. Someone in the audience asked if he could speak in English and he said no. He talked for a long time with a great many people unable to understand him.

"He seemed so under a strain. At first he had difficulty with his voice. It seemed like he couldn't get his words out and such a werriness to it, later in his talk a certain vigor returned to his voice. Then too there was an almost reflex action to whatever he did. When he was introduced and the audience clapped he stood before them clapping himself.

"Later they returned to their seats and here again he & the woman seemed hemmed in. They sat in the first 4 outside seats in a row in the center section. First the young delegate entered -- then the woman -- then the older delegate. Then a man whom I believe was WALTER RIBACK, Secretary Ukrainian Am. League. He also sat behind the delegate who spoke on stage -- and appeared to write down everything the delegate said.

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during the program the oldan soldier

that one of Kennedy's campaign promises was to

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A copy of a flyer furnished by [REDACTED] *B-10*
announcing the concert is being placed in the 1A section
of the Boston file on the United Shevchenko Committee of
Boston, sponsor of the event.

All necessary action has been taken with respect
to information furnished above.



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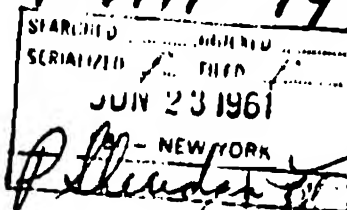
JUN 22, 1961 P. C.

DAVID ANDREWS

(On June 21, 1961, [REDACTED] 070

Washington, D.C., advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that he has received information to the effect that David Andrews, Director of the Methodist Student Center, Boone, North Carolina, was planning to come to Washington, D.C., on June 29, 1961, if Morton Sobell has not been released from prison by that date. Andrews indicated he will kneel outside the iron fence of the White House indefinitely, or until Sobell is released.

Morton Sobell was convicted in March, 1951, with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to commit espionage. The Rosenbergs were executed in June, 1953, and Sobell was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment.



6/22/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA OF 1950
(OO:NY)**

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Charlotte and New York one copy each of a letterhead memo captioned, "DAVID ANDREWS," who is the Director of the Methodist Student Center, Boone, North Carolina.

[REDACTED] furnished the reported information to Supervisor ROBERT C. PUTNAM. b7c
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WFO indices contain no identifiable references to DAVID ANDREWS. One DAVID ANDREWS, not further identified, was on the National Committee of the Walk For Peace Committee, 5 Beekman Street, New York 38, N.Y., in 1958. This Committee wanted the U.S. and Russia to stop nuclear weapons testing and picketed the White House on 2/1/58, in this regard.

WFO indices contain no references to the Methodist Student Center.

Protective Research, U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Park Police advised 6/21/61 of this information. OSI, 4th District; ONI, PRNC; and G-2, MDW are receiving copies of letterhead memo.

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Charlotte requested to advise WFO if any information available on DAVID ANDREWS and to attempt to determine if he intends to demonstrate in front of White House as indicated.

6/26/61

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) AND SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-8357)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS DASH C,

ISA OF NINETEEN FIFTY. RE WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE

TWENTYTWO LAST. [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY

ADVISED TODAY REV. DAVID ANDREWS IS ORDAINED METHODIST MINISTER

NOW AFFILIATED WITH QUAKER CHURCH, PRESENTLY IS STUDENT

DIRECTOR FOR INTERCONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON METHODIST STUDENT

WORK AT BOONE, NC. HE STATED ANDREWS IS STRONGLY OPPOSED

TO VIOLENCE AND HAS DEMONSTRATED PREVIOUSLY AT VARIOUS

GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.

[REDACTED] STATED IT IS NOT KNOWN IF ANDREWS WILL PROCEED TO

WASHINGTON, D. C., AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, TO DEMONSTRATE

IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE, BUT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO IMMEDIATELY

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conducting the campaign in the United States - was
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the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell in the Rosenberg case'...."

12/1/61 ("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications"
dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-
American Activities, page 60.) Pg 116

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee
to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature
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"Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first
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OF NINETEEN FIFTY. ^{TEL} REMYRAD ^{S/A} JUNE TWENTY LAST. ON JULY
THIRTEEN LAST, [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY
ADVISED THAT REV. DAVID ANDREWS IS ON VACATION WITH HIS FAMILY
IN THE STATE OF CONN., FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE
WEEK. ANDREWS TRAVELING IN FIFTYSEVEN CREAM AND YELLOW FORD,
NC LICENSE UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO ADVISE IF REV.
ANDREWS CONTEMPLATES VISITING WASHINGTON, DC, ON VACATION. 070

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Rev. GAEDE's employment by a new church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was verified on the date indicated [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

One copy of this report and one copy of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Chicago, San Diego, and San Francisco for their information, since it has been established there is a close alliance between the Los Angeles Sobell Committee and the Sobell Committees of those areas.

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Synopsis: As of 7/17/61, headquarters of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee were at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles;

[REDACTED] Los Angeles
Sobell Committee composed of four chapters, Los Angeles Area, Long Beach-San Pedro, West Los Angeles, and Valley. No formal officers in recent months, but Acting Secretary-Treasurer set out. [REDACTED] Major campaign is appeal for executive clemency for SOBELL. Subversive ramifications through connections with Communist Party and other organizations set out.

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DETAILS: For the purpose of brevity, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will be hereinafter referred to as the LASC, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as the CSJMS, and the Southern California District Communist Party as the SCDCP.

All the meetings and activities reported herein were held in Los Angeles, California, unless otherwise indicated.

I. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED]

II. CHARACTERIZATION

[REDACTED]

The LASC (see Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of the CSJMS (see Appendix).

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

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III. SCOPE

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IV. OFFICERS

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DOROTHY MAYR

[REDACTED]

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As of July 17, 1961, DOROTHY MAYR was the Chairman of the Northeast Club, 24th C.D. Section, SCDGP.

EVELYN BURKETT

[REDACTED]

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As of November 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (see Appendix).

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VII. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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Informant stated that between January and June, 1961, the aim and objective of the LASC was to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL by petitioning the President for amnesty for SOBELL.

VIII. ACTIVITIES

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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EDYTHE MARGOLIS, nee EDYTHE COHEN

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EDYTHE COHEN was a member of the ~~Communist~~
Party (CP) in the Chicago, Illinois, area in
1939.

[REDACTED]

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As of May 11, 1959, MARGOLIS was the
Recording Secretary of the Los Angeles Area
Chapter, LASC.

C. LONG BEACH-SAN PEDRO CHAPTER

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D. VALLEY AND WEST LOS ANGELES CHAPTERS

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Between the period of January and June, 1961, informant was not aware of any formally organized meetings or activities of the Valley or West Los Angeles Chapters, LASC, although they are still considered by the LASC to be active chapters.

E. ACTIVITIES OF HELEN SOBELL IN LOS ANGELES

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HELEN SOBELL visited Los Angeles between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 1961. She attended meetings and functions held to hear her report on the status of MORTON SOBELL's case. HELEN SOBELL stated she was extremely hopeful that SOBELL would soon receive a commutation of sentence, and said many individuals in Government service who were sympathetic to MORTON SOBELL were "now rising to positions of prominence," and claimed she had "contacts" in the White House and Department of Justice who "practically guarantee" MORTON SOBELL's release.

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b7d

Informant furnished an invitation issued by the LASC to hear Dr. ERWIN A. GAEDE speak on December 11, 1960, at 1283 South Redondo Boulevard. GAEDE was to report on his firsthand experiences in Washington, D. C. as a delegate on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

REV. ERWIN A. GAEDE

In November, 1944, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a member
of the CP from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] learned
from [REDACTED] knows to the informant
as a member of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CP, [REDACTED]
that Rev. ERWIN GAEDE of the Congrega-
tional Church of Argo, Illinois, was a man of
whom the Communist Political Association
could make good use. Source further advised in
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Rev. ERWIN A. GAEDE was a member
of the Professional Club of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

commented that Rev. GALDE of the First Unitarian Church, South Bend, was actually doing more work to promote the communist cause than other individuals who were actually members of the CP. [REDACTED]

Another source advised in [REDACTED] that Rev. GAEDE had indicated [REDACTED] that he welcomed communists in his church, and expressed an interest in assisting the CP to become active through another organization.

advised [redacted] that Rev. GAEBDE [redacted] had accepted the pastorate of a Unitarian Church in Westwood, California.

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Rev. GAEDE and another minister had organized a clergymen's appeal in behalf of MORTON SOBELL on the West Coast.

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On June 30, 1961, by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the FBI, it
was determined Rev. GAEDE had accepted a
call by the Unitarian Church in Ann Arbor,
Michigan, and would leave Los Angeles in
about one week to assume his duties in that
post. b7E

IX. POLITICAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

[REDACTED] b1
Between January and June, 1961, the main activity
of the CSJMS was concentrated upon the "amnesty appeal"
to the President in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

X. LEGAL ASPECTS

[REDACTED] b1
As reported above, HELEN SOBELL reported that the
legal activity in behalf of SOBELL during the past six
months consisted of the filing of briefs with the U. S.
Department of Justice requesting executive clemency or
commutation of sentence for MORTON SOBELL.

XI. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the Department of Justice was going to have a hearing
regarding the SOBELL case. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. CONNECTIONS WITH THE FIRST UNITARIAN
CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES (see Appendix - Comint'l,
First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles)

[REDACTED]

Informant furnished a news bulletin entitled "From The Patio," issued by the First Unitarian Church, dated April 23, 1961. The bulletin reported HELEN SOBELL was a speaker at the church on April 9, 1961. HELEN SOBELL reported on the status of the case of MORTON SOBELL, and a motion was passed at the meeting urging everyone to write letters to the President asking for freedom for SOBELL.

C. EMMA LAZARUS JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS, aka. (ELJWC)
(see Appendix)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on May 4, 1961, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of captioned organization.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, 2936 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California.

A source advised on May 3, 1961 that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist front group literature is distributed at the church. The church is used by some Communist Party members for "mass concentration" work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1943.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, page 115, as a very active "Communist fronter" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities".

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not of itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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EMMA LAZARUS JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS, aka., Emma Lazarus Council Of Jewish Women (ELJWC)

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the Interantional Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15, and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20, and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

"1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'

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(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action
Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

A source advised on May 3, 1961, that the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles are affiliated with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Club, having national headquarters in New York, New York, which, until the early part of 1951, were known as the Emma Lazarus Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order. According to the informant, the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs, Los Angeles, in about 1952 and early 1953 were also known as the Emma Lazarus Council of Jewish Women.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, aka.,
Hollywood Arts, Sciences and
Professions Council

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations" (revised January 2, 1957) page 132, stated this organization is cited as "one of the major Communist dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pages 392 and 393).

An informant advised on January 4, 1956, that the Los Angeles Chapter was dissolved on January 3, 1956.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

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Synopsis:

The National Headquarters of the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell are at Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC. The purpose of the committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison by obtaining Executive Clemency, and following SOBELL's release to discredit the conviction and sentencing of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

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